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Examiner: Not assigned

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Please cancel original claims 16-27 without prejudice to the right to file such claims in a properly filed divisional application.

Claims 16-27 have been canceled without prejudice to the right to file such claims in a properly filed divisional

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application, noting that such divisional application is being filed on even date herewith.

Entry of the preliminary amendments and examination of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.40830X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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